

Alpha Phi Omega's TORCH AND TREFOIL



These Things Will Not Be Rationed In 1945

Friendship

There will be no priority on *Friendship* in the year ahead. Often it has been said "The only way to have a friend is to be one." There is more goodwill in America than anywhere else on earth, less hatred, less suspicion, less fear. Working with our fellowmen in a common cause is building strong ties of brotherhood among us.

Leadership

By united effort we can make sure that *Leadership* is not rationed in America. Leadership of highest quality is necessary for continued progress in every phase of American life. Leadership in worthwhile activities on college campuses is the business of Alpha Phi Omega, and we must carry out this responsibility in full measure.

Service

Opportunity is unlimited in America for unselfish *Service* in worthy causes. Our service must not be rationed. Our fraternity brothers who are carrying the fight to the enemy are giving sacrificial service to our nation in this time of greatest need. All of us on the campus-front can serve in an increased way by putting greater forcefulness into our Alpha Phi Omega activities.

These three principles of Alpha Phi Omega—*Leadership, Friendship and Service*—are the basis for world citizenship of tomorrow. Let's continue building them strongly in 1945.

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KAPPA CHAPTER LEADER KILLED IN ACTION IN FRANCE



William D. Babbitt

Brother Bill Babbitt, one of the most loyal and energetic leaders ever to serve in Alpha Phi Omega, was killed in action in France in August, 1944. Becoming a member of Kappa Chapter at Carnegie Institute of Technology in 1933, he served continuously as an active member and Scouting advisor until entering the Army. He loved Scouting in all of its phases and served many years as Scoutmaster of Troop 109 in Pittsburgh, conducting a most outstanding program. His boys will never forget the things he taught them. He will live on through them.

One of Bill's chief services in Kappa Chapter in recent years was the development of a thorough financial record system for the chapter. And in many other ways he helped establish Kappa Chapter on a sound and firm basis on the Carnegie Tech campus. Yes, his spirit will live on in our fraternity.

He was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart and a Presidential Citation.

Bill eagerly answered his country's call. He has given the "last full measure of devotion." His death is a terrible shock and a huge blow to our brotherhood. May God help us to carry on and so live that Brother Bill Babbitt shall not have died in vain.



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Our
Christmas
Wish

Peace On Earth
Goodwill Toward Men

W. R. Babbitt
Jimmy B. North

EDITING THE STUDENT DIRECTORY AT SAN DIEGO STATE COLLEGE



Getting the job done in enthusiastic style are these men of Alpha Delta Chapter who handled the compiling, editing and distribution of last year's student directory at San Diego State College.



Dr. Johnson became an active member of Omicron Chapter while a student at the University of Iowa in 1931 and has been an active leader in our fraternity for the past fourteen years. In 1932 he was elected national treasurer at the national convention in Chicago and has been repeatedly reelected at each succeeding convention. He was an active participant in the biennial national conventions in 1932, 1934, 1936, 1938 and 1940 and at several district conferences. We can all look forward to his presence at the future national and district meetings which will be held after the war.

His continuous service on our national executive board has been a strong factor in shaping sound policies for Alpha Phi Omega through the years.

His interest in Scouting is deep and lasting. He serves actively in Scouting in his community in other civic enterprises.

He exemplifies the high principles of Alpha Phi Omega. In his timely article on this page he presents a real challenge to all members of our fraternity.

Alpha Phi Omega and the Spirit of Christmas

By

The Rev. Edwin C. Johnson, Ph.D., D.D.

National Treasurer, Alpha Phi Omega
Former President, Omicron Chapter, University of Iowa
Pastor, First Congregational Church
Alexandria, Minnesota

Christmas! It awakens wondrous memories. It makes our hearts beat faster. For Christmas is the one time in all the year that everyone loves, enjoys, and yearns for. This year will be different for all of us. Millions will not be at home nor in their native land. Where news of sacrifice has come, where no news has come in months, where boys are away, Christmas will be a time for quiet thinking and many a prayer.

Alpha Phi Omega this year has a larger job to do on the college campus. There are so many deeds of unselfishness that need doing. With so many men gone, those who do remain have a larger service to fulfill. There are so many places we can do the thing that helps. There are the notes we can send to brothers in the service, to families of brothers who have had sad news; there is the increasing need for buying bonds and selling them, of giving an extra pint of blood to the Red Cross, of digging a little deeper and reaching out a little farther, of doing a finer and better job in the work we are doing. This, and more too, we can and must do.

On the far reaches of the world,

in places never heard of before, other members of Alpha Phi Omega are doing their part that there may always be a Christmas. They are upholding the ideals of our great fraternity—of our great nation—of their religion. This is service in the largest sense. A service only they can realize in cost. But because of Alpha Phi Omega and all it means, they can and are doing a better job. "We Serve."

If we in Alpha Phi Omega who are still in the United States, and who are still on college campuses, want to make this Christmas real and genuine, let us appreciate and use and cherish the privileges that are ours. Let no brother fail in this solemn hour to be found in his church—praying—worshiping—sharing—that the spirit of Christmas may ever endure—may ever bring hope—may ever give courage.

"The world stands out on either side,

No wider than the heart is wide."

Let every brother ask: "How wide is my heart?" "How great is my Service? It is we who must make Christmas real.

Education Under the G. I. Bill of Rights

By

R. I. Thackrey

Dean of Administration
Kansas State College

Two federal laws provide for financial aid to veterans who wish to continue their education or take "refresher" courses after the war.

They are Public Law 346, the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, generally known as the "GI Bill of Rights," and Public Law 16, which

provides for vocational rehabilitation of veterans who have a service-connected disability rating of at least 10 percent and are in need of rehabilitation training to overcome their handicaps.

Answers to some of the questions covering these two laws are given

below. First are summarized the major provisions of Public Law 346 as applying to education. Following that is less-detailed information on Public Law 16. It is emphasized that these are not detailed summaries and that detailed information cov-

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Uncle Sam encourages veterans to return to complete their college education.

Education Under the G.I. Bill of Rights

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ering individual cases should be obtained from the Veterans Administration, or by writing your college.

PUBLIC LAW 346 GI BILL OF RIGHTS

Q. What types of educational programs are offered?

A. Continuance of any educational program interrupted by the war; or refresher or retraining courses for those who have completed their planned program but need refresher work before entering civilian life. (The programs may be below college level, at college level, or at the graduate level.)

Q. Who is eligible for aid in continuing an educational program?

A. Anyone who has been in active military or naval service on or after September 16, 1940; served 90 days or more; been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable; and whose education has been impeded, delayed, interrupted or interfered with by entry into the service. The law provides that time spent in an ASTP program or Navy college program which was a continuation of a veteran's civilian course and was pursued to completion, cannot be counted in determining his eligibility under this law. (The Veterans Administration is currently interpreting this provision to mean that those who chose to accept a discharge from the service

at the time of discontinuance of an ASTP program cannot count the time spent in the program toward eligibility, even though the course was not completed.)

Q. What constitutes having education "impeded, delayed, interrupted or interfered with?"

A. If you were not over 25 at the time you entered service, this is assumed. If you were over 25, you must submit evidence that you were following an educational program that was interrupted. (Thus, a student who was taking graduate work at the time of entry into the service but who had not completed the requirements for an advanced degree would be eligible, even though over 25.)

Q. Who is eligible for a refresher or retraining course?

A. Any veteran, regardless of age, is eligible provided he has satisfied the requirements as to 90 days of service and type of discharge.

Q. Is any one with less than 90 days service entitled to benefits?

A. Yes. Those who have service-connected disabilities.

Q. Are women eligible?

A. Yes. On the same basis as men.

Q. Just what are the benefits allowed?

A. Payments to the veteran are \$50 a month for subsistence if single, or \$75 a month if married. In addition, the cost of tuition, books and fees up to \$500 for each ordinary school year (two semesters) will be met by the federal government. Subsistence payments go to the veteran, those for tuition, books and fees to the school.

Q. For how long a period am I eligible?

A. If you qualify at all, for education or training other than in refresher or retraining courses, you are entitled to at least one calendar year of education, and to an additional period roughly equivalent to the length of time spent in the service after September 16, 1940, up to the end of the war, but not more than a total of four calendar years. (You must apply within two years after discharge or the end of the war, whichever is later, and must complete all work within seven years after the end of the war. It is not necessary to attend college the year around. Also, if your period

of eligibility runs out during a semester, but after the mid-point, you can complete the semester, receiving the benefits of the act.

NOTE: Those entering refresher or training courses are eligible for only a year of that type of work.

Q. Do I have to take a full-time college load?

A. No, but subsistence payments may be reduced according to the load.

WHAT IS THE PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING?

A. You don't need to do anything until you are discharged. Then apply to the regional Veterans Administration office at which your C-folder is located. Or you can write or go directly to your college which will forward your application through the proper channels. Each college is authorized by the Veterans Administration to admit those it believes to be eligible and let them get started on their work, pending determination of eligibility. Of course, it will help all around if you apply as far in advance as you can. State that you are a discharged veteran, and give the name of the college you wish to enter. Proper forms will be sent you.

PUBLIC LAW 16 - VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

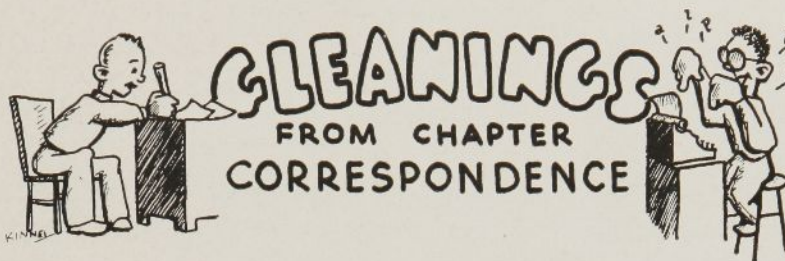
Q. If I am eligible for education under either this law or the GI Bill, under which should I apply?

A. Pension payments under the Vocational Rehabilitation Bill are generally higher than the subsistence payments under the GI Bill. Under Public Law 16 your complete educational program is taken care of, irrespective of your length of service. Benefits include pension, medical care, vocational counseling, tuition, books, fees and the like. It is necessary under this law that you set an "employment objective," - that is, some specific job or type of work which you can fill after completing your training.

VETERANS TRAINING - GENERAL

Q. Are the colleges taking steps to meet the educational needs of returning veterans?

A. Yes. The colleges have special committees to study the subject and make specific arrangements for the veterans who return for training or retraining.

**GEORGIA TECH.**

"We are going full speed ahead on three new projects including fingerprinting for the civilian students and boosting the sale of Christmas seals on our campus and providing a campus Christmas tree. Twenty-two new members were initiated on November 15 and we now have plans for securing a sizeable group of pledges to assist on our various projects. We are looking forward to a prosperous term and a very good future in Gamma Zeta chapter."

—*Pvt. Hugh W. Hardy, USMCR, President.*

UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

"Our stag party the second week of November was a grand success, everyone having a fine time. We started our hospital visitation project on November 20, and our visits to university students confined to the hospital will be carried on daily. Also, we are still collecting scrap paper and are assisting in the Christmas seal campaign. We are forging ahead."

—*Ray Huffer, President.*

NORTH TEXAS STATE

"Our formal initiation ceremony for the fall term was conducted November 29 at the College Club House with nine new men entering the fraternity."

—*Bill Cooper, President.*

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

"Our chapter conducted freshman tours as a service of the guide and travel bureau of the Illini Union and we are planning our first radio broadcast of this year for December 4."

—*Will Snow, President.*

CARNEGIE TECH

"Our new pledge class is planning to reprint the colored map of the campus previously designed by our chapter, and copies will be sent by the school to prospective freshmen. Our chapter has a dance scheduled for December 17 in the Carnegie Union."

—*Joel Bigelman, Corresponding Secretary.*

BROOKLYN COLLEGE

"Gamma Iota Chapter is going strong and we may all expect big things from the chapter in the future."

—*Burton Schwartz.*

UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI

"Last trimester our chapter arranged for the entire football team to contribute to the blood bank. We are now planning to publish a new student directory and are arranging a membership drive to select new men from the present enrollment of 1,500, the largest in the history of our school."

—*Herbert Horton, Past President.*

MICHIGAN STATE COLLEGE

"The fall initiation in Beta Beta Chapter was held November 28, 1944."

—*Norman N. Aurd, President.*

NORTHWEST MISSOURI STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE

"Ten new men were initiated on November 25 and we are planning a chapter party for the national birthday December 16. Dean J. W. Jones, our senior faculty advisor, has suggested two more timely projects which we are now preparing to conduct."

—*Arthur Green, AS, USNR, President.*

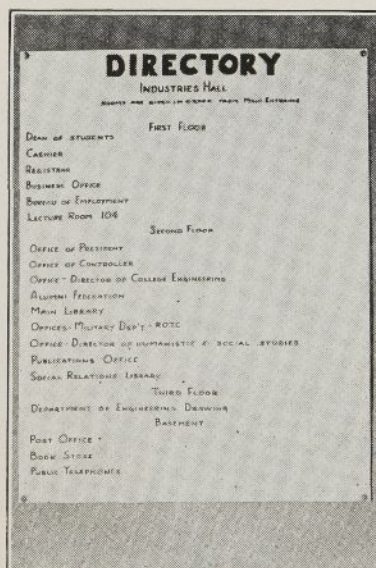
INDIANA UNIVERSITY

"Mu Chapter is now working on the fingerprinting of civilian students and we are considering a bridge tournament after which the cards would be donated to a veterans' hospital. New officers were elected on November 9." —*K. Charles Wright, President.*

TULANE UNIVERSITY

"Gamma Upsilon Chapter has started this term very well even after being hit hard by losses of members. Five new men are to be initiated December 9 and we have two new projects under way."

—*Henry Powell, AS, USNR, President.*

A PLEDGE PROJECT OF KAPPA CHAPTER

Last term's pledges in Kappa Chapter prepared and erected directories in the buildings of Carnegie Institute of Technology. Shown here is one of the directories. A very useful project!

UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

"We have sent out cards to new prospective members and at our last meeting thirty new men turned out, so we are anticipating a good number of pledges this semester."

—*Charles Pollock, AS, USNR, President.*

DRAKE UNIVERSITY

"We have been pledging new men steadily in Omega Chapter and anticipate having ten fellows ready for initiation on the national birthday, December 16."

—*Donn Haglund, President.*

UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

"Gamma Pi Chapter of Alpha Phi Omega is now being reestablished after a period of inactivity due to the war. Twenty new members are being prepared for initiation on December 15."

—*Bruce W. Bugbee, Secretary.*

SOUTHWESTERN LOUISIANA INSTITUTE

"I am fulfilling my heart's desire right now, fellows. Now that I have been discharged from the service I am again at good ol' Southwestern under the G.I. Bill of Rights. I had my choice of any college in the nation that I would prefer to attend, and naturally I took Southwestern without any hesitation. All of you fellows who can should certainly take full advantage of the educational plan under the G.I. Bill of Rights. You'll never be sorry."

—*Warren Carpenter.*

UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI

"Our chapter is arranging to again sponsor the President's Ball on the campus in January and we are also planning to conduct fingerprinting at Stephens and Christian College."

—*George O. Jones, Dance Chairman.*

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS COLLEGE, NYU

"Our chapter is now preparing to conduct a fingerprinting campaign for the students of University Heights College."

—*David Cooperman, Member of Activities and Service Committee.*

WE POINT WITH PRIDE

Of six men recently chosen for membership in Iron Arrow, highest men's honorary organization at the University of Miami, three are members of Alpha Phi Omega. They are Brothers Herbert Horton, Prince Brigham and Marshall Jay Simmons, all chapter officers.

Brother Perry Bowen, vice president of Gamma Rho Chapter, has been selected as one of the college favorites for this year at North Texas State.



Ens. Ralph E. Frede (Alpha Rho)
In North Africa
Writes:

"Yesterday I received a number of Daily Texans and alumni magazines. I was very much pleased to learn from them that my old chapter is carrying on numerous projects. Frankly, I don't know how they are able to do it for I understand the chapter has had a complete turnover in personnel within a year's time."

Pfc. Herbert Goldman (Gamma Delta)
On Duty in Greenland
Writes:

"Just received the latest issue of Torch and Trefoil and think it is swell. While it's not as good as a letter from a fellow's parents, wife, or sweetheart, it sure does run a very close second. Isolated in the Arctic, as I am, I certainly do appreciate hearing what all the fellows are doing. Very little ever happens here. It's a case of 'We also serve who sit and wait'. But we are now allowed to tell what part of Greenland we're in. It is Narsarsuaq, Greenland. The name is an Eskimo word meaning 'a large level tract of land.' However, one would hardly recognize it by looking at the mountains in the vicinity. The nearest village shown on the usual maps is Julianehaab some fifty-odd miles away. Hope all brothers will be back home again soon."

Cpl. Bernard Vachs (Beta Iota)
Somewhere in France
Writes:

"A news item in the 'Stars and Stripes' tells of an outstanding performance by Captain Michael J. Quaremba (Beta Iota '40), and his outfit in cleaning out an observation tower."

Pfc. S. H. Marshall (Gamma Delta)
In England
Writes:

"Have visited London several times, stopped in at British Boy Scouts Association office, took pictures with some Scouts that were acting as runners there, and with the Secretary to the International Commissioner. At the present time, I am awaiting a little shipment. Last week in London I ran into Willard Shinnars, a schoolmate from Milwaukee Teachers and an APO brother. He was chapter president several years back and is now a Lieutenant (jg) in the Navy, stationed at a southern port and awaiting a call someplace."

Major William R. Peterson (Pi)
Somewhere in Italy
Writes:

"I enjoyed reading the September issue of Torch and Trefoil."

Ens. Frank T. Mahan, Jr., USNR (Omicron)
In Washington
Writes:

"I am assigned to the N. O. L. and now am working at the same job I had as a civilian before applying for commission. It is very interesting work. I was in Iowa City in September and saw several APO men. Omicron Chapter is apparently carrying on in great style."

Pfc. Claude J. Rayburn (Beta Epsilon)
Somewhere in the Pacific
Writes:

"We've been in combat since May. Took part in the Saipan and Tinian battles. The Japs put up some pretty stubborn resistance. Of course we didn't see as much of it with the artillery as the boys in the front lines. You will be interested to know that there is a fraternity register at the USO in Honolulu. I opened a page for Alpha Phi Omega while there last spring. Hope some of the brothers see it and sign."

Pfc. Jay Hershkowitz (Gamma Iota)
Holloran General Hospital
Writes:

"Gamma Iota Chapter is an integral part of the workings of the college. It took a little time to reach the position where we can best be of service to the community and the school. Brooklyn College is definitely APO conscious."

Ens. C. A. Schutze, Jr. (Alpha Rho)
USS Mobile
Writes:

"News of Alpha Rho Chapter at the University of Texas has been included in all my airmail reports from home. The Torch is still moving on there. I haven't had much chance to meet other brothers as I haven't been off ship for six months. But I have heard from several of them from around the world."



"I just thought it would be nice to have one of them a different color."

Lt. Paul William Lawrence (Chi)
In European Theater of Operations
Writes:

"Well the excitement of southern France is over, and now another push to end this war. Things are running smoothly. The usual routine is broken up by good movies and visits to the surrounding territory. I find that my knowledge of French is very useful in understanding and being understood by the Italians. The laundry situation is really something. The largest wash you could possibly get together is worth only about \$2.00 all finished. They do a rather good job, considering it is all hand done, and the two or at most three day service is remarkable."

T-Sgt. Dave Jacobs (Beta Gamma)
In England
Writes:

"The September Torch and Trefoil has reached me here and I must say I was never happier to receive it. I am very glad to know that Alpha Phi Omega is still going strong as ever even though there is a manpower shortage on campuses. I am a radio operator on a B-24 and have been in the 'UK' for some time. I had an opportunity to go to London and see many of the historical sights which were very interesting. I had a little trouble getting used to the money system for awhile, but get along very well now."

Ens. Roy E. Shapiro (Upsilon)
In Alaska
Writes:

"Greetings from the land of ice and snow. I am somewhere in Alaska busily engaged as a communications officer. Considering everything, conditions here are not bad at all. We have comfortable quarters, good chow and sufficient foul weather gear for all types of weather. My brother, Harold, is somewhere in the Pacific."

Ollie S. Moye, HA/2c (Gamma Rho)
U. S. Naval Training Center,
San Diego, California
Writes:

"I joined the Navy in November and am eager to receive the Torch and Trefoil here."

Stanley P. Sax (Beta Theta)
Ft. Benning, Georgia,
Writes:

"I am now in the infantry school but still hearing from the old gang at Wisconsin. It does me good to hear of their close fellowship and continued service which is present in Alpha Phi Omega. It is especially gratifying to learn that more men than ever are joining our fraternity throughout the Nation."

Lt. Eugene C. Butler (Gamma Psi)

In Italy

Writes:

"Since writing two months ago I have seen much of Italy and front line activity. At present I question which is the greater Nemesis, Jerry or the weather. If I hadn't soldiered a year in West Virginia, I wouldn't believe there could be this much mud and rain in the mountains. The rain and mud make operating very difficult. Manning the enemy positions are the fanatical Nazis who are tough to get out and mighty tricky.

"Italy has been physically wrecked by war. Almost all public works have been destroyed by Jerry in his retreat. Hardly a building remains unscarred by shells for every building is a potential German hiding place and our armor and artillery have done a magnificent job of destruction. As soon as Jerry is chased out, American soldiers move in despite the filth and wreckage, and then it's Jerry's turn to shell the buildings.

"The Germans have taken food and clothing from the Italian people leaving them hungry and in rags. One never sees an Army chow line without Italians gathered around to get the leftovers. Many Italians wear American uniforms taken from our dead. Social disease of every description is rampant. Most disgusting to me are the young children roaming the streets stealing and salvaging bits of food and tobacco dropped by American soldiers. Families are found living in the city streets with their iron cooking pots set up in any nook of a remaining building.

"Our job as well as winning this war is to teach our enemy friendship, leadership and service which form the basis of democracy. It will be a tremendous task calling for united effort."

Lt. Kenneth S. Rabb (Beta Phi)

In England

Writes:

"Wounds in both legs just about healed, and wounds in left arm, hand and foot doing nicely. It may be a few more weeks before I'm fit for duty however. Regards to all and best of luck to the fellas of Alpha Phi Omega wherever they may be."

Sgt. Richard C. Meaux (Beta Phi)

In Italy

Writes:

Made a couple trips to Rome. It certainly was a change to see clean streets, buildings and above all, people. They dress like the people back home and are a lot more refined and educated than here in the sticks. Took the Red Cross tour which showed us everything of interest. The weather has been terrible the last few days. Had a lot of rain which turned the dust bowl into a regular mud hole. The world series caused a lot of excitement. Well, fellows, keep writing those letters, they're a big help."

Sgt. Frank Wyatt (Beta Psi)

In France

Writes:

"I have been in France almost from the beginning. We fought up the Cherbourg peninsula and then we started on the southern drive. We really have had some rugged times. Sometimes I wouldn't have given a plug nickel for my life."

Here are the Rights We are Fighting For

By LT. GENERAL BREHON SOMERVELL
Chief of the Services of Supply, U.S. Army,
in an address at Ft. Belvoir, Virginia

We are fighting for liberty, the most expensive luxury known to man.

We fight for the right to lock our house doors and be sure that no bully with official sanction will break the lock.

We fight for town meetings, for the soapbox in the public square, for the high school debating team, for open doors to cathedral and church and synagogue.

We fight for schools built on a foundation of books, not bayonets.

We fight for the country editor and for the metropolitan daily and for the editor's right to say the wrong thing if he thinks it's right.

We fight for the right to organize for any decent purpose, for labor, for employers, for the Grange and the Legion and the ladies' literary club, and for the lodge meetings in full regalia on Tuesday nights.

We fight for our candidate for sheriff and for the other fellow's candidate, and for the right to be sorry we elected him and to say so.

We fight for free radio, for the right to listen to what we want and to turn off what we don't want.

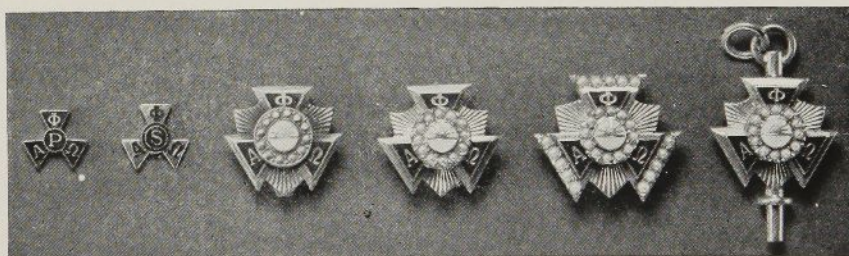
We fight for the right to work at jobs of our own choosing, to read the books we want to read, to listen to music that pleases us, without regard to the race or nationality of the composer.

We fight for the high privilege of throwing pop bottles at the umpire.

These rights, these privileges, these traditions are precious enough to fight for, precious enough to die for.

They cannot be acquired by half measures or on half time.

INSIGNIA OF ALPHA PHI OMEGA



Pledge button (shown above at extreme left)	\$.25
Service button (second from left above)	.25
Standard badge, gold plated (third from left above)	2.50
Standard badge, 10K	6.50
Standard badge, crown set pearl center plain arms (fourth from left above)	13.25
Standard badge, crown set pearl center and arms (fifth from left above)	24.25
Standard key, gold plated	3.25
Standard key, 10K	8.50
Standard key, crown set pearl center plain arms (extreme right above)	15.00
Standard key, crown set pearl center and arms	26.00

(To all prices add 20% federal tax, and state sales tax.)

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Suggested Service Projects For January and February 1945

SPONSOR THE "MARCH OF DIMES." The annual campaign for funds to fight infantile paralysis is conducted in January. Each Alpha Phi Omega Chapter can help boost the contributions from students and faculty to this worthy cause. Ask your local Chamber of Commerce to put you in touch with the chairman of the infantile paralysis fund in your community, then tell him your chapter is ready to put its full force into this project. (This work has been successfully conducted by Beta Eta Chapter at University of Missouri, and other chapters.)

COLLECT USED CLOTHING to be donated to people in war-torn countries. The need is urgent in England, China, Russia, France and other countries. Lt. Eugene Butler (Gamma Psi Chapter at Minnesota) wrote to the office recently telling of the thousands of people in Italy who lack sufficient clothing and food. Our fraternity can help. Ask the students and faculty of your campus to give used clothing and shoes to this cause. (This project has been successfully conducted by Alpha Chapter at Lafayette College.)

BOOST THE WASTE PAPER COLLECTION on your campus. The shortage of waste paper is critical. Let's be sure everything possible is being done on every campus to "get in the scrap." (This project is proving very successful in Omicron Chapter at University of Iowa and other chapters.)

PUBLISH CHAPTER NEWSLETTER for brothers in the service. Men overseas have testified that news from the fraternity is second only to news from home and sweetheart. You can add to the pleasure of your departed brothers by preparing a regular mimeographed newsletter to send to them. Include a list of the addresses of the service men to assist them in corresponding with each other.

VISIT SICK STUDENTS IN COLLEGE HOSPITAL. Have you ever been a patient in a hospital? If so, you know how eager you were to have visitors. A regular visitation service by your chapter for the students of your school confined in the hospital would be an important and much-appreciated service. Contact the director of the hospital to inquire about the opportunities to aid in this way. (This project has been successfully carried out by Beta Sigma Chapter at Texas Tech and other chapters.)

AID A HANDICAPPED STUDENT. Is there a blind or crippled student on your campus who needs help getting around the campus? Alpha Phi Omega can assist such students in a fine way without any ballyhoo or publicity. (This project is now being carried out by Alpha Pi Chapter at the University of Miami and other chapters.)

CONTINUE BOOSTING WAR BOND SALES. Nearly all chapters of Alpha Phi Omega are helping promote the sale of war bonds and stamps. Some operate a sales booth regularly, others concentrate on the special war bond drives. It all counts up. Is your chapter doing all you can in this important work?

FINGERPRINTING OF CIVILIAN STUDENTS AND FACULTY for the FBI is a worthwhile project. If this has not been conducted by your chapter recently, consider putting on a fingerprinting campaign in the near future. Write direct to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Washington, D.C., for the quantity of record cards you need to cover the civilians on your campus. Ask your local police to help you assemble the other necessary materials. It's a very interesting as well as valuable project, providing positive identification for all to have their prints recorded.

DONATE BLOOD TO THE RED CROSS PLASMA BANK. There is still a great need for large quantities of blood to help save the lives of wounded men in combat areas. Students on hundreds of campuses have readily donated blood when reminded of this opportunity to serve. If this work is not being adequately handled on your campus, it is a project your chapter may well sponsor (providing you are located closely enough to a Red Cross Blood Donor Center). This is a service of vital importance and is being sponsored by many Alpha Phi Omega chapters.

CONDUCT A SCOUT WINDOW DISPLAY CONTEST during Scout Anniversary Week in February. Arrange for each Scout Troop in your community to put in a window display in a nearby show window depicting Scout crafts and activities. Offer prizes for the best displays. (Also observe Scout Anniversary Week in other ways your chapter deems appropriate.)

The above are just a few suggestions, and each idea deserves thorough discussion by your chapter before being started. Avoid starting too many activities at one time . . . but plan your projects considerably in advance so thorough preparations can be made to insure the success of each activity. (And when considering the above suggestions, remember to include plenty of fun and entertainment in your chapter meetings.)